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# AUDITOR'S REPORT

ON THE

# FINANCES

OF THE

Town of Atkinson, N. H.,

For the Year ending March 1, 1869.

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For the Year ending March 1, 1860.

W. H. HARRIS,

Attorney at Law.

1860.



# To the School Committee & Selectmen of the Town of Atkinson, N. H.

Represent your petitioners resident in School Districts Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 6 in said town that said Districts for the public good and better accomodation of the inhabitants thereof, require alterations in their bounderies. That Nos. 1 and 4, need no alteration. But that Nos. 2 and 3 should be divided by a line running Northeasterly and Southwesterly from No. 1 to No. 4, beginning at the North wall of Jesse Page's home farm, and ending at a stone in the road, to J. T. Poor's at No. 4, and that all the territory Southwest of said line should constitute a school District, to be denominated No. 2, and that all the territory Northwest of said line, and between the same and a line beginning at the town pound at Hampstead, called the Clough meadow bound and running on the N. W. line of the Thomas land, and the N. W. line of Joseph Grovers land and land of the heirs of William Page, and thence by said Grovers land to the main road to Hampstead, thence to the corner of the wall on the East side of the Pope road, so called, and thence by the east side of said Pope road to a bound at District No. 4, shall constitute District No. 3, and that all the remainder of District No. 5, and 6, and all the territory now in No. 2, Northernly of said last named line shall constitute a District to be denominated No. 5.

We therefore pray that after duly considering this our petition and notifying and hearing all the parties interested you make such alterations as you may judge must for the interest of all concerned, and record the same according to law. Dated April 9<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Greenleaf Clarke, A. M. Sawyer, A. H. Noyes, Wm. Noyes, Wm. C. Noyes, B. P. Foote, David Clark, and Joseph Grover.

A hearing upon the within petition is hereby appointed at the Town Hall in said Atkinson on Saturday the first day of May, 1869, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and it is ordered that the petitioners give notice of said petition and hearing to all persons whose property or rights may be directly affected by these proceedings by giving to each or leaving at his abode an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon fourteen days at least before the said day of hearing, and to all others interested by posting a like copy on the door of the School houses of School Dist. No. 2 and three. Also a like copy at some public place in School Dist. No. 5 and 6. And also leaving a like copy at the abode of the Clerks of said Districts a like time before the said day of hearing.

Given under our hands this tenth day of April 1869.

JOSEPH WHITAKER, } School Committee  
of Atkinson.

L. P. E. RICHARDS, } Selectmen  
F. G. CHANDLER, } of  
G. GREENOUGH. } Atkinson.

A true Copy,

Attest. Greenleaf Clarke one of the peti-

tioners





# REPORT.

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The Auditors having performed their required duties, at the close of the fiscal year, herewith submit their statement of the Town finances as exhibited upon the books of the Selectmen and Treasurer with the corresponding vouchers.

## TOWN VALUATION.

Real Estate.	\$169,597 00
Bank and Corporation stock .	12,750 00
Money at interest, or on deposit,	15,975 00
Stock in trade,	1,600 00
Mills,	250 00
Polls,	20,250 00
Horses,	4,686 00
Neat Stock,	9,376 00
Sheep,	88 00
Carriages,	525 00
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## RECEIPTS.

Assessed State, County, Town and School Tax,	\$3,698 28
Non-Resident Highway Tax,	146 21
Dog Tax,	17 00
School House Tax (Dist No 1.)	25 00
Interest on Taxes,	18 46
State Railroad Tax,	132 01
Literary Fund -	17 46
Saving Bank Tax,	5 95
Cash from County on account of James Roberts (Pauper)	58 00
Cash on Sunday Loans,	2,000 00

School House Tax (Dist. No. 3 Salem)	6 60
From Town Treasurer 1867-8	1,191 54
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	\$7,316 51

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax,	1,162 50
County Tax,	498 90
School Orders,	496 98
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	2,158 38

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Abiah Merrill	5 70
Mary G. Marble,	20 90
E. N. Greenough,	16 17
Joseph Noyes,	11 40
Mary A. Page,	57 94
John Noyes,	13 30
Greenleaf Clarke,	28 50
Henry Noyes,	3 80
Wm. C. Noyes,	9 50
Abigail S. Pig,	6 64
William Noyes (Trustee,)	9 50
Enoch Bassett	3 80
Jess A Sawyer,	1 90
David Clark	15 20
Wm. Bassett (1867)	3 42
Nathan McFarlan,	3 42
Glman Noyes,	3 42
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	214 51

## SUNDRIES.

Paid A. B. Little Expense to Kingston,	1 00
Jacob Irving Glass and putty	55
B. W. Sanborn general statutes &c.,	10 72
A. B. Little Expense to Concord	5 35
to Exeter & Dover	6 30



# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

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Paid E. H. Safford, Printing Reports	10 00
J. B. Merrill Ringing Bell	25 00
Amos Buck Surveying,	1, 50
A B. Little Expense to Concord	6 00
to Dover.	4 05
B. W. Sanborn Books for use of Town,	4 00
A. B. Little Expense to Exeter & Salem,	7 00
W. H Hills Running Town lines,	2 50
John Kelly Surveying,	5 00
N. H. Paul, Gideon W. Conley, and sons	
school Tax,	1 76
J. L. Little, Land Damages	5 00
S. B. Mason school House Tax District	
No. 1,	25 00
James Knight Land Damages	43 17
John Dunlap, school House Tax,	6 60
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	170 50

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Paid John Little repairs on Bridge Dist No 8,	46 11
Win. C Noyes Work on Ledge	10 00
D. W. Goodenow work on Highway	10 95
Thomas L Page, Work on Highway,	1 87
John A. Hall Repairs on Road & Bridge	33 50
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	102 43

The Money here expended by Mr. Hall was Non-Resident Highway Tax in Dist. No. 10.

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid William B. Merrill	2 50
John H, Knight	6 00
" " "	3 75
B. K Poor,	9 04
Issac S. Noyes,	3 00
Amos H Noyes	7 07
John H. Knight,	7 05
William B Merrill,	10 87
Daniel W. Goodenow,	2 70
Charles C. Greenough,	1 00
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	52 98

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

## ON ACCOUNT OF THE POOR

Paid Aid to the Family of Mary P. Noyse	111 68	
Support of James Roberts	145 04	
Support of William Bassett	151 00	
For Transient Poor	4 50	
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## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

Paid		87 90
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Alfred B. Little,	} Selectmen.	40 00	
Chas. B. Sargent,		24 60	
John Wilson		13 50	
Jesse Page, School Committee,		12 00	
Daniel Knight Collector & Treasurer,		58 86	
S. Burley Mason, Town Clerk,		16 40	
J. H. Whittaker,	} Auditors, 1868,	3 00	
E. N. Greenough,		2 00	
Alonzo Knight,		1 00	
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## NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid	3,159 77
Total Receipts,	7,316 51
Total Expenditures,	<hr/> 6,530 00
Receipts excess	786 51

## BALLANCE SHEET.

Liabilities, Notes and Interest,	14,526 58
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## ASSETS.

Cash in the Treasury,	331 00
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# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

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Taxes due,	455 51	
Claim on the United States,	1,428 00	
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Ballance against the Town,		12,312 07
Town debt diminished the past year,		203 95

## HIGHWAY TAX APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS.

District No. 1, Daniel Knight Surveyor,	87 84	
" " 2, D. W. Goodenow "	107 29	
" " 3, Albert Noyes "	90 87	
" " 4, Wm C. Noyes "	110 79	
" " 5, George P. Dow "	53 62	
" " 6, James Knight "	44 06	
" " 7, Albert Little "	56 70	
" " 8, John Little "	43 26	
" " 9, Wm. B. Merrill "	89 19	
" " 10, Isaih Hall "	39 18	
" " 11, John Pettengill, "	28 70	
" " 12, Richard B. Gove "	20 33	
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## REMARKS.

At the last annual Town Meeting, a vote was passed requiring Highway Surveyors to return their warrants to the Selectmen for settlement, on or before the 20th, of February, 1869. The entire failure of Surveyors to comply with this requirement renders it impossible for the Auditors to pass upon an important item of expenditure of the Town's money.

Respectfully Submitted.

J H. WHITAKER,  
ALONZO KNIGHT, } AUDITORS.  
AMOS H. NOYES. }

Atkinson, N. H., March 1st, 1869.





# SCHOOL REPORT.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

*Samuel B. Mason, Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught by Miss Estell L. Cheney, nineteen and a half weeks, at sixteen dollars per month. She had fifteen scholars, average attendance thirteen and two thirds; tardiness four, nine were reported the first term who had not whispered, and twelve the second term. The order was unusually good, and the improvement very satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO 2.

*Benjamin H. Steele, Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught by Miss Harriet E. Noyes, eighteen weeks, at eighteen dollars per month, she had twenty scholars the first term and seventeen the second; average attendance seventeen and thirteen, tardiness three and six, eleven were reported who did not whisper during the second term. Miss Noyes labored faithfully and succeeded well.

## DISTRICT NO 3.

*George P. Dow, Prudential Committee.*

The first term of this school was taught by Miss Mary E. Noyes with her usual success, its length eight weeks, number of scholars

twenty-four, average attendance nineteen and two-thirds, tardiness eleven. The second term was taught by Miss H. Jennie Cross, seven weeks, eleven scholars, average attendance about nine and two-thirds, tardiness five. The school was small, but well taught, the wages of both teachers were twenty two dollars per month.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

*Samuel G. Chandler, Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught by Miss Lizzie Gordon, the first term of nine weeks, with ten scholars, the second of eight weeks with seven scholars; wages eighteen dollars per month the first, twenty the second; tardiness twenty one, and four. This school was too small to awaken much enthusiasm, the teacher however did what she could.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

*John Clark, Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught by Miss Julia M. Wright, fifteen weeks, at twenty dollars per month, she had twenty-one scholars, average attendance, about fifteen and a half, tardiness, seventy. Miss Wright had much experience in teaching, and a happy faculty to interest children, her accomodation were poor, and the absences and tardiness far too many.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

*Thomas Little, Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught by Miss Emma A. Little, ten weeks the first term, eight the second, she had seven scholars the first term, fifteen the second. Her wages were eighteen dollars per month, tardiness fourteen and two, average attendance, about ten and thirteen. This was the second season of Miss Little's teaching in this school which she finished with her usual acceptance and success.



## GENERAL REMARKS.

As a whole, perhaps the schools in this town have never done better, they might have made more improvement, but they have done well. No complaint has reached the ears of your committee. The report that twelve pupils in No. 1, and eleven in No. 2 did not whisper during a whole term, shows an improvement. Parents in some cases have manifested an unusual interest by visiting the schools. It has been a healthful stimulant to both teacher and scholar, one hundred and four visits are reported in Dist. No. 2; thirty-four in Dist. No. 6; twenty-eight in Dist. No. 1; twenty in Dist. No. 3; ten in Dist. No. 5; and eight in Dist. No. 4.

The most important business should receive the greatest attention, and what more important business in life, for the happiness of the family, and the prosperity of the community than the proper training of the young, the child is the father of the man, and the man is sometimes ruined in the child. We speak of good and bad blood in families, but on investigation we find that good or bad education in a long line of ancestry lies at the foundation of good or bad blood. This gives a fearful responsibility to parents. It is their business to prepare their children for school, and see that the surrounding influences are healthful. A few evenings of association with low vulgarity, profanity, and obscenity, are enough to vitiate and nullify the best efforts of the best minds for their improvements.

If our children are ruined, the responsibility lies between the parent and the civil authorities. The former should prevent their children from mingling in such corrupt influences, and the latter should remove the nuisance by the strong arm of the law, and both should be sustained by an enlightened public sentiment. The youthful mind is a delicate organism, like the roots of a plant, it draws nourishment from surrounding objects, and be they wholesome or poisonous, such will be its character and fruit. The education of the child is three fold, physical, intellectual and moral, the body, the mind, and the heart. The body is the casket of the mind through which it works, many a gifted intellect has proved a failure, through early abuses of the body, and many a gifted mind has been a scourge through a corrupt heart. In such circumstances, science is a sword in the hand of a maniac, learning a jewel in swine's snout.

A teacher should be competent to give instruction in all these

departments. He should care for the health of his pupils and for their moral tendencies. Our father's with great wisdom made a law that all teachers should endeavor to impress on the minds of the children, and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth, love to their country, humanity, and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry, and frugality, chastity, and temperance, and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded, and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils as their ages and capacities will admit into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above mentioned virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices. The teacher who is not prepared to carry out these suggestions, is not competent in the eye of the law, and sound judgment, to be a teacher of our youth. We want teachers to co-operate with parents to raise up a generation of youth, intelligent, manly, cultivated and pure, an ornament to the town, and a blessing to the world. This is our mission, none higher, none holier.

A traveler, as the story goes, passing through one of our mountain towns, noted for its rocks and sterile service, asked one of the inhabitants, what they did for a living? Oh, he replied; we build Churches and School houses, and raise men. The most valuable commodity in the market, and for which there is a growing demand. We want *men*, and they are made by parents and teachers carrying out the instructions on the statute book. I have for a long time noticed that those children, who by their parents and others have become familiar with the pure morality of the bible, other things being equal, make better progress in learning, and exhibit more refined feelings, and form a better, more useful and happy character, than those left to the teachings of profanity and lewdness. They who are not taught to fear God, are not apt to regard parents, or teachers, or man.

If the town were properly divided into districts, then each district would better know what arrangements to make to secure a place for a School house and when to build it.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JESSE PAGE, Superintending School Committee.

Atkinson, N. H., February 27, 1869.